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REPORT

TOPIC Transfer to the Wittstock Training Area of Units of the 12th Mechanized Div.

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DATE OBTAINED	25X1	DATE PREPARED	14 May 1954
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REMARKS			

1. Between 26 and 29 April 1954, large elements of the troops stationed in Ludwigslust were entrained at the Ludwigslust railroad station. At 9:30 a.m. on 26 April, a column of 5 T-34 tanks and 15 trucks was seen en route to the station, coming from the Techentin airfield. At about 4:30 p.m. on 27 April, 12 trucks with furniture and killeting equipment passed through the town, proceeding toward the railroad station. In the afternoon on 28 April, a shipment was detrained at the station. At 10 a.m. on 29 April, a train of about 15 boxcars and 40 to 50 flatcars left the station toward Wittenerode. The train carried trucks with steel pontoons, similar to TM-type pontoons. The loading of the shipment had not been observed.

25X1 2. On 30 April, the Alte and Neue Reiter Kaserne (5261), Ludwigslust, were only lightly occupied. The vehicle sheds were vacant. Little traffic, was observed.

3. The following shipments from the direction of Pritzwalk were unloaded at the Wittstock railroad station between 24 and 28 April:

25X1 24 April: At 8:45 a.m., 31 T-34 tanks, 9 armored scout cars and 9 boxcarloads of troops, ammunition and equipment.

25X1 25 April: Five mortars, 21 trucks, and 7 tank trucks.

25X1 26 April: Ninety motorcycles, 12 trucks and 3 tank trucks.

25X1 At 4:15 p.m., 7 rocket launchers and 30 trucks,

25X1 27 April: At 8:30 a.m., 32 T-34 tanks, 15 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 3 tank trucks and 12 boxcarloads of troops.

25X1 At 4 p.m., 21 JS-3 tanks, 15 trucks, 2 sedans and 1 field kitchen.

25X1 Eighteen JS-3 tanks, and 1 tank truck.

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28 April: At 5:35 a.m., 28 T-34 tanks, 12 trucks and 9 boxcarloads of troops.

25X1 Twenty-one T-34 tanks. [redacted] and 21 trucks,
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At 2:10 p.m., 5 mortars, 3 armored scout cars, 35 trucks, 2 tank trucks and 18 boxcarloads of troops.

At 4:45 p.m., 18 SP guns, 10 armored scout cars, 4 AT guns and 5 ambulances.

Six SP guns, 8 armored scout cars, 6 AT guns, and 21 boxcarloads of troops.

At 8:45 p.m., 23 T-34 tanks, 20 trucks and 21 boxcarloads of troops.

Some of the shipments may have proceeded toward Dranse. Between 24 and 27 April, ration supplies, ammunition and equipment were unloaded throughout day and night.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. Thirteen shipments of the 18th Mech Div were observed in Wittstock. [redacted] the division transferred to the Wittstock training grounds between 24 and 29 April on a total of 33 trains, including 14 trains from Ludwigslust. On 29 April, [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] the departure of the 348th Engr Bn which has been carried in Ludwigslust since the fall of 1953. With the total of 135 T-34 tanks, 39 JS-3 tanks and 24 SP guns observed during the unloading in Wittstock, [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] the entire armored equipment of the division, including the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt which, thus, is confirmed until 28 April. The rocket launchers observed confirm the 32d RL Bn (US) until 26 April.

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